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The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—"Government has power to remit but it is ordinarily not done in the case of a loan. A loan is meant to be granted for productive purposes."

Mr. P. SIVA RAO:—"Have they considered the possibility of remitting in view of the prevailing seasonal conditions?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—"The question has not been considered this particular year."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know if he will be pleased to say that he will consider it now?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—"I will consider it if he wishes; but I cannot hold out any hope that it will be done."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"I wish it with the hope that there may be some chance."

*Failure of the second crop in Malabar.*

\* 214 Q.—Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that for want of rains there is partial failure of the second paddy crop in Malabar; and

(b) whether the Government propose to make an inquiry into the extent of the failure?

A.—(a) The Collector reports that the maharam or second paddy crop harvest is in progress, that the outturn on the double crop lands is fair, while that on the single crop lands is poor. The first or main crop harvested above the average.

(b) The Government do not propose to make any special enquiry on the particular matter referred to. Crop particulars are recorded in the village accounts and loss of the second crop on single crop wet lands makes the pattadar eligible for the remission of the charge for the second crop.

Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"The Collector says that the maharam or second paddy crop harvest is in progress, that the outturn on the double crop lands is fair, while that on the single crop lands is poor. May I know whether the Collector has made his proposal with reference to the whole district of Malabar or with reference to the particular taluks?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—"The whole district."

Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Has he given information with reference to the taluks separately?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—"Not so far as I recollect, Sir."

**Irrigation**

*Proposed irrigation works in the Godavari Eastern division.*

\* 215 Q.—Mr. B. VENKATARATNAM: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Public Works Department intends to construct a lock at the 18th mile on the Bank canal in the Central delta of the Godavari Eastern division;



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(b) whether there is any proposal for converting Amalapuram canal of the same division into an irrigation canal; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the joint lock of the Amalapuram and Gannavaram canals is going to be separated into two?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Government have no information but have called for a report from the Chief Engineer.

*Action taken on the recommendations of the Mettur Irrigation Committee.*

\* 216 Q.—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether final orders have been passed on the recommendation of the Mettur Irrigation Committee that the lands in Bhavani taluk to the extent of about 20,000 acres may be irrigated with the water from Mettur dam and if so, to what effect;

(b) whether the recommendation of the Committee that the question of irrigating some lands in the Salem district with the water from that dam be further investigated has been given effect to and if so, with what result; and

(c) whether the investigation made regarding further irrigation of lands in the Coimbatore district beyond the 20,000 acres referred to in (a) by taking a channel above Kaveripuram has been completed and if so, with what result?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to G.O. No. 1974 I., dated 16th December 1926, which has been placed on the Editors' Table.

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—“As regards (a) and (b), in view of the fact, if I am permitted to say so, that the hon. Law Member's memory seems to be short, may I ask him whether he did not say at the time of the adjournment motion that the matter might be further considered and that the matter might be again gone into after the Government Order?”

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—“Yes.”

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—“Sir, in view of that, may I know if any further action has been taken in the matter after consulting his colleague or having asked anybody to enquire into the matter?”

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—“Yes, Sir, the question is under consideration.”

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—“May I know how the matter is under consideration? I think there was a recent Government Order by the Government of India by which such matter can be referred to an advisory board. May we be told in what line the matter is being considered?”

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—“When the matter was debated on the last occasion and when the question was raised as to the necessities in the supplementary questions of the hon. Member for Coimbatore and other hon. Members, I said that the Government Order referred to in the answer was the opinion of the Government at that time but with